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Nine Firemen Appointed

Nine new firemen have been appointed to the Torrance Fire Department following completion of a special training program under the direction of Battalion Chief Albert Salcido and Captain Richard Sprout. Graduation ceremonies marking the end of the six-week training program were conducted Friday afternoon at the department's main station with Chief Robert A. Lucas presiding. The new firefighters include Gary A. Bayless, Gene E. Gorbet, Jack R. Gordnier, D. Raleigh Harris, Breal E. Rowe, Charles E.

Hoffman, Marc W. Simmons, Edward Williams, and George C. Williams.

BAYLESS, 22, is the son of a Los Angeles City fire captain. Formerly employed by Todd Shipyards, he also worked at Douglas Aircraft Co. and at Bethlehem Steel Corp. He attended Harbor College, majoring in fire science. Bayless and his wife Mary are parents to Larry, 3, and Barry, 1, and live in Torrance.

Gorbet, a veteran of the Army Corps of Engineers, is a graduate of Torrance High School. The 22-year-old firefighter is a native of Redondo Beach. He and his wife Mary now live in Torrance.

A bachelor, 26-year-old Jack Gordnier Jr. is a veteran of the Army and a former oil refinery worker. A motorcyclist, he also has restored a 1932 Ford in his extra time. He now lives in Torrance.

A VIETNAM veteran, D. Raleigh Harris is a graduate of South High School and is now attending El Camino College. The 25-year-old firefighter and his wife Ramona are expecting their first child in January. They live in Torrance.

Charles E. Hoffman, 26, comes to Torrance after four years with the Hermosa Beach Fire Department. He also has worked as an auto mechanic and devotes his free time to his own automobile and motorcycle. Hoffman and his wife Linda now live in Torrance.

Breal Rowe worked as a house painter before joining the fire department. A former Lomita resident, the

25-year-old Rowe and his wife Karen have a 4-year-old son, Richard. Rowe enjoys fishing, camping, and karate.

A NATIVE of San Pedro, Marc W. Simmons moved to Torrance in 1950. He spent four years in the Air Force after graduating from Torrance High School and was employed by a sheet metal firm before joining the fire department. His wife, Carol, is a native of Torrance. The Simmons are parents of a 20-month-old son, Marc.

Edward E. Williams, 26, was employed by Armco Steel Corp.'s National Supply Division before joining the local department. A baseball player in high school, he now plays for the Tappa Keggas in Torrance.

Williams and his wife Viki, both graduates of North High School, are parents of three children: Wendi Jean, 5; Tabatha Jean, 2, and Deborah Jean, 1½ months.

A native of Torrance, George C. Williams is a graduate of Torrance High School and a former city employee. He is a veteran of the Army and served in Korea. The 21-year-old Williams will end his bachelor days Dec. 21 when he marries Wanda Crosbie, a graduate of Bishop Montgomery High School.

New Program Pays

Decline Expected in Juvenile Detentions

SACRAMENTO — Allen F. Breed, director of the California Youth Authority, announced the first quarter progress report of the state's probation subsidy program indicates that some 3,433 fewer persons will be incarcerated in state institutions during the 1968-69 fiscal year.

Under the program, participating counties receive subsidies from the state and must invest the funds in intensive probation services in return for reducing commitments.

EXPECTED commitments

were reduced by 1,451 in 1966-67, the first year of the program, and by 2,481 in 1967-68. With the projection of 3,433 for 1968-69, expected commitments will have been cut by 7,365 during the first three years of the program.

Breed noted that the 7,365 persons are young people and adults who are remaining in the community, going to school, working, supporting their families instead of being committed in state schools or prisons.

THE COST for such imprisonment is approximately

\$4,000 per year and would cost at least \$75 million to build institutions to house the 7,365 persons. Under the subsidy program, the counties will earn a maximum of \$14,295 for the 1968-69 fiscal year. Of the counties who have joined in the program, Los Angeles County had expected to have 4,509 commitments, but will now have 3,296.

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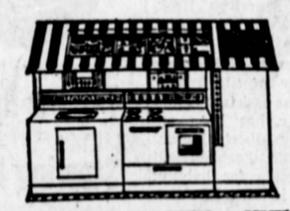
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